

BAINÉ C. DENT.

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JUNE 23, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. CUMMINGS, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10351.]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10351) for the relief of Baine C. Dent, beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass, with an amendment:

Baine C. Dent entered the Navy as a cadet midshipman in June, 1873, and continued on the active list until June 12, 1890, when he was transferred to the retired list for physical disability. He now asks to be restored to the active list on the ground that his health is recovered, and he is desirous of active service.

The Navy Department, on application for its views respecting the legislation contemplated by this bill, makes no objection to it provided that it is so amended as to provide for an examination as to the physical condition of the beneficiary, and that his restoration be to the position he held at the time of retirement.

The committee therefore recommend that the bill be amended as follows:

In lines 5, 6, and 7 strike out the words "a lieutenant to take place next below Lieut. John J. Knapp, that being his original place on the active list," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "after such physical examination as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, to be number four on the list of ensigns in the Navy."

With this amendment, the committee recommend the passage of the bill.